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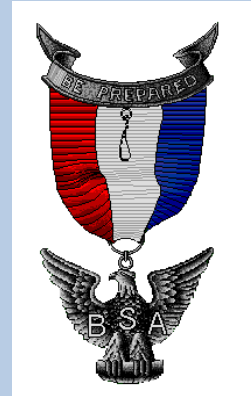
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Congratulations to Scott Kehr

Troop 96 is proud to announce Scott Kehr our most recent Eagle Scout. Scott successfully completed the District Board of Review on Wednesday January 30th and has completed the journey to Eagle.

Scott, Your hard work has paid off; you've reached the top of the scouting mountain. Your commitment to your goal and to yourself has earned you this success. Be proud of what you've accomplished.

Your family and Troop 96 are proud of you!



The January "Not-Quite-A-Campout" Campout

by Pat Klemens

We planned to camp one night in the middle of January at Mauthe Lake and go snow tubing on Saturday. But sometimes you have to change your plans – even if you don't want to. The weather forecast called for a "warm winter day" followed by a big drop in temperatures accompanied by high winds. In fact, the temps were supposed to drop from the low-40's to zero degrees while the winds were to increase from 15 to 35+ miles per hour. With wind chill warnings predicted to drop to minus 15° to minus 25° at Mauthe Lake, we decided to scrub the overnight. Certainly, we've camped in temperatures at zero (or even a bit lower), but this time the winds were too much for us. If anything were to go wrong during the night, it wouldn't take much time in those winds to be in trouble. So, we decided to play it a bit safer and just go for a day trip instead.



The campers gathered in the StG parking lot early Saturday morning. Before we headed out, an emergency drill was set up by Drew A. He was finishing up his Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge and he organized a drill to mobilize the troop in case of emergency. The Scouts and adults took his direction and soon enough he said we were ready to go. While Mr. Jacks signed off on his merit badge card, SPL Nathan got the troop ready to travel north. Once all the gear was loaded and driving assignments made, we loaded up and headed north.

Since, the troop was no longer going to be staying overnight, we had a spare breakfast meal along for the ride. So, Saturday's lunch also included Sunday's breakfast! We often joked that the 13th Point of the Scout Law is "A Scout is Hungry" and the Scouts proved us right by eating two meals mid-day Saturday. Then, instead of making camp, the troop took a hike on the Ice Age Trail and a stopped at Parnell Tower for a view over the Wisconsin countryside.



The troop then headed to Sunburst for an afternoon of snow tubing. Although the afternoon temperatures were above freezing, the snow hill was busy and everyone was having a great time. All you had to do was grab a tube, take a ride up the Magic Carpet to the top of the hill and then enjoy the groomed slopes and fly down the hill. For about 3 hours, the Scouts and adults raced up and down the hill. By about 5 o'clock, the light was fading and so was everyone's legs. From the warmth of the lodge, we made a call to a local pizzeria and arranged for a pizza feast after we left Sunburst. By 5:30, we were in downtown West Bend at Sal's Pizzeria. Sal could not have been nicer to the Scouts. He made up six great large pizzas and while the pizzas baked, he handed out warm, garlic rolls to everyone. It was great to warm up, sit down and fill up on pizza. Once everyone was full, we were warm and satisfied. What a fun day. Too bad we still had to drive home, but the roads were in good shape and traffic was light. Everyone was back in Grayslake by 8 PM or so.

While we wished we could have camped overnight, we knew we made the right call. By 9:30 pm, the winds came up fast and stayed in the 30 mile an hour range for most of the night. It was bitterly cold as the morning thermometer touched zero. I've often said, "I'd rather be safe and wishing I was outside, than at risk and wishing I was inside."



Join us in February for another trip to Sunburst, this time for skiing, and we'll camp two nights in cabins at Indian Mounds Scout Camp near Oconomoc, Wisconsin.

Scouts Participating:

Joey Cambio	Dakota Andelman	Sam Mitchell	Nick Knight
Brandon Nitto	Alex Tamulaitis	Christian Mack	Ben Reyes
Chris Matthews	Joey Wesley	Josh Marks	Spencer Boos
Eric Ostick	Andrew Goger	Nathan Timmins	Owen Schwab
Jonathan Lewis	Brian Wehde		

Adults Participating:

Steve Cambio	Vyt Tamulaitis	Kevin Mack	Jaime Reyes
Joe Matthews	John Boos	Dan Ostick	Scott Timmons
Patrick Schwab	Pat Klemens		



February Campout

Date: February 15-17

Time: Meet at Saint Gilbert parking lot at 5:30 PM Friday Afternoon

Camp Location: Indian Mound Scout Reservation (36712 Indian Mound Road, Oconomowoc, WI 53066 (262) 567-6229). This is a cold weather camping trip for two nights and we will have a group cabin. Warm hats, gloves, and socks will be required along with winter coat, snow pants, and snow boots.

Activity: Scouts will be Skiing or Snowboarding Saturday from 2-7 PM at Sunburst Ski Area (8355 Prospect Drive, Kewaskum, WI 53040 (262) 626-8404).

Cost: \$17 per scout for lift ticket, \$3 for ski equipment, \$5 for helmet (includes a group lesson) or \$25 total. If snowboarding, \$18 for snowboarding equipment which would \$40 total. Also \$15 per scout for food. Money due Monday February 11 at the Troop meeting.



Life-to-Eagle Training

Do you want to be an Eagle Scout? Do you want to know the steps and 'secrets' of the entire process?

If so, plan to join us for an explanation and discussion about the requirements and process to become an Eagle Scout. It will make your journey "less stressful" and you will "Be Prepared" for the challenge.



- Who should attend? Scouts who are Life or Star (or even over-achieving First Class Scouts) and their parents
- When? Sunday, February 24th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
- Where? Extension Service for University of Illinois (100 South Rt 45, between Rt 120 and Center St).
- Refreshments will be served
- Sign up during a troop meeting!



Scoutmaster's Corner by Pat Klemens

We'll be **cabin camping in February**. That's right, we have a cabin for two nights at Indian Mounds near Oconomoc, WI (west of Milwaukee) on Feb 15-17. Scouts can go skiing or snowboarding while we're at Sunburst on Saturday. Helmets are a BSA-requirement. All waiver forms, permission slips, and food money is due on Monday, Feb 11 (no exceptions).

Our Winter Court of Honor was held on January 28. If you missed it, then you missed a good one: ceremonies, skits, Friends of Scouting, awards, video and refreshments. A great job done by our emcees, Spencer B and Nathan C. If you'd like to see the six-minute video, click on [Troop 96 in 2013](#) or go to the Troop's website.

At our recent Winter Court of Honor, the troop presented the 2013 Spirit of Scouting award to **Mr. Dave Jacks, Mr. Dan Ostick, Mr. Joe Matthews and Mrs. Cete Rupprecht**. Well done and thanks to all of our recipients for the work you do on behalf of our Scouts.

A number of awards will be presented at the District Dinner on Feb 9: **Mr. Sislow** will receive the prestigious District Award of Merit, **Mr. James Busch** will be our recipient of the Silver Acorn Award while Mrs. Judge, Mrs. Mack and Mrs. Wegner will receive the Key Scouter Award.

It's nearly time for the annual **Order of the Arrow Election**. Are you eligible? You are if you have camp 15 nights within the last 24 months (including 5 days at summer camp) and are at least First Class. The website will post the date for the election (but we think it will be Feb 18 or 25).

Scouting for Food will be held in early March. Let's adopt this service project and make a difference in our community in a big way! We could use an adult or family to volunteer to coordinate this project.

In late February, the troop will be electing a new **Senior Patrol Leader** and Patrol Leaders. If you are interested in these positions or any of the other troop positions, please see SPL Nathan or me during February.

Our annual **Order of the Arrow** election will be held shortly (as soon as the OA Chapter confirms the date). Any First Class Scout who has 15 total nights of camping in the last 24 months (including one long-term summer camp experience) is eligible.

A group of scouts and adults are working to create a great summer **Big Trip to South Dakota**. **SAVE THE DATES:** We'll be on the road from June 15th to June 23rd, 2013. The current plan is to see Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, visit historic Deadwood, SD, hike around Devil's Tower and check out the Badlands. On the way home, we'll stop at the world famous Spam Museum. We expect the cost to be less than \$400 per person. Scouts and their families are all invited. Check with Bryan W. or Mr. Ostick to add your families name to the list.

Our troop will be growing soon! We expect **New Scouts** to be coming from Pack 96, Pack 677 and Pack 91. Watch for a list of the new Scouts in the next Gazette.



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Troop Big Trip to South Dakota



Join Troop 96 as we do The Big Trip to South Dakota!

Who: Scouts and Families

When: June 15th to June 23rd, 2013

Where: Travel from Grayslake to South Dakota

What we will see: Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse, visit historic Deadwood, SD, visit Devil's Tower and the Badlands. On the way home, we'll stop at the world famous Spam Museum.

More details (cost, travel plans, etc) to come soon. Sign up and pick up flyers at the troop meeting.

Check out the Troop Website – www.boyscouttroop96.com

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